
**TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS'**

**November 2, 2006
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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, City of San Gabriel. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry (Chair)	City of San Gabriel
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Burke, Yvonne	City of Los Angeles
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forrest
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
Glaab, Paul	City of Laguna Niguel
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Herrera, Carol	City of Diamond Bar
Lowenthal, Bonnie (Vice-Chair)	City of Long Beach
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Pettis, Greg	Cathedral City
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Talbot, Paul	City of Alhambra
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	City of Long Beach
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

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Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Bauman, John	City of Brea
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Buckley, Tom	City of Lake Elsinore
Correa, Lou	Orange County
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
George, Gary	City of Redlands
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Joffee, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowe, Robin	City of Hemet/RCTC
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
Moquet, Shenna	Riverside, WRCOG
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greg	City of Los Angeles
Smyth, Cameron	City of Santa Clarita
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County
Szerlip, Don	South Bay Cities COG

Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 October 5, 2006 Minutes

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the Large Urbanized Area Grant Funds

4.2.2 2007 Meeting Calendar for the Administration and Policy Committees and Regional Council

MOTION was made to APPROVE the Consent Calendar items.

Motion was SECONDED and unanimously APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Proposed 2007 SCAG Legislative Program

Don Rhodes, SCAG, gave a presentation on the proposed 2007 SCAG Legislative Program. He stated that each year prior to the beginning of Congress and the State Legislative Session SCAG puts together a Legislative Program. Staff reviews the old program, agencies are consulted, and it is run by the legislative staff of the transportation commissions. The legislative program is then modified based on

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predictions for the next year. As a result the program has been modified to be more graphically based and more direct.

Mr. Rhodes also described various actions that were taken to make the legislative program clearer and more effective. The policy committees customarily review the portions of the program pertaining to their areas of interest at the November meeting, and provide recommendations as appropriate for the Regional Council to consider. The Regional Council then reviews the document with all of the proposed recommendations and votes on its content in December. The program is then prepared in its final form and distributed to members and staff of Congress, the State Legislature, federal and state agencies, and interested parties.

Mr. Rhodes concluded his presentation by stating that if any members of the committee had any suggestions or modifications to the plan they could list them when the item is taken to the Regional Council next month or add any correspondence to the attachments when the agenda is sent out.

Councilmember Wapner, City of Ontario, stated that an active effort was needed to pursue more ground access monies for the region's airports. Councilmember Wapner noted that SCAG's 2007 Legislative Program requested the ability to change regulations to defer airport revenue to off site ground access. The problem is, the region will not generate the airport revenue to defer if a ground access is not built to get people there.

Mr. Rhodes asked the committee to adopt SCAG's 2007 Federal Legislative Program and refer to the Regional Council in December.

MOTION was made to **APPROVE** the adoption of SCAG's 2007 State and Federal Legislative Program. **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 System Management at the Corridor Level: I-800 Example

Tarek Hatata, Systems Metrics Group, gave a presentation on the System Management Plan being developed by Caltrans for the I-880 corridor. Mr. Hatata

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stated that the plan will bring to light that the SCAG Region's infrastructure is aging, and acknowledge that land use and maintenance are increasingly important issues.

The plan identifies that operations, including intelligent transportation, are becoming one of the solutions as the region tries to improve its mobility. The plan also includes a detailed performance assessment of the corridor based upon data from various sources, including the Freeway Performance Measurement System (PeMS) and the Traffic Accident Surveillance and Analysis System (TASAS). Additionally, the plan identifies bottlenecks using PeMS, the Highway Congestion Monitoring Program (HICOMP), aerial photography, California Highway Patrol (CHP) logs, and other sources. Applying this data, the University of California, Irvine is developing a micro-simulation model that will test different categories of operational and capacity improvements. When the model is completed, Systems Metrics Group will make recommendations on a phased implementation System Management Plan.

Mr. Hatata added that more extensive testing is required for the corridor which would take into account accidents, weather, special events, and day to day fluctuation. The plan will take these analyses and will produce recommendations and performance improvement estimates. The concept of the System Management Plan is to develop comprehensive solutions that would include system monitoring and evaluation, intelligent transportation systems, incident management, and operational improvements, and not simply capacity expansion.

Councilmember Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark, inquired if the Systems Metrics Group was doing any studies in the Southern California area. Mr. Hatata said that they were currently doing a high level analysis for all corridors that have detection in the SCAG Region. The analysis will be presented during the RTP development process. The preliminary results of the analysis have been presented to the Technical Advisory Committee.

6.2 Status of RTP Update/Gap Analysis

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, stated that in June of 2006 the TCC approved a double faceted approach to update the next RTP. Staff will prepare a 'Gap Analysis' that would address the SAFETEA-LU deficiencies in the current RTP and to move forward concurrently with the full update of the RTP pursuant to the requirements

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of SAFETEA-LU. To address this, an analysis will be developed to address the policy gaps that exist in the 2004 RTP and bring them into compliance with SAFETEA-LU so that SCAG's planning processes can continue beyond the statutory deadline of July 1, 2007.

There are three major areas of the 2004 RTP that need to be augmented to bring the plan into compliance. The areas are primarily related to transportation security.

In the first area of the analysis staff plans on looking at what safety and security measures exist in the region and how they relate to the RTP. Staff will then look at what kind of role SCAG can play, as an MPO, to make transportation more secure.

The second area of SAFETEA-LU requires SCAG to address and discuss environmental mitigation in the RTP. In the last RTP, there was a program EIR associated with the RTP. Staff will look at the mitigation component from the current EIR and incorporate language into the document to satisfy the SAFETEA-LU requirement.

The third area of the SAFETEA-LU requirement is to broaden the scope of consultation and coordination, including state and federal resource and regulatory agencies, and Indian Tribal Governments. To meet this requirement staff will implement a public participation in the next RTP.

Staff plans to present the TCC a copy of the SAFETEA-LU Draft Gap Analysis at its December meeting for its review and approval to forward to the Regional Council.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

There was no report.

8.0 CHAIR REPORT

There was no report.

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9.0 STAFF REPORT

Rich Macias, SCAG, announced that SCAG would be holding a series of RTP workshops commencing in January 2007.

10.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

There was no report.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

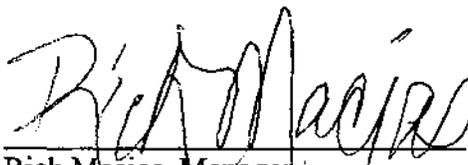
Councilmember Uranga, Long Beach, requested that staff give a presentation on SCRAA at a future meeting.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.
The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 14, 2006 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles**



Rich Macias, Manager
Transportation Planning Division